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SUBJ: PASCARELLI BIO

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1. PASCARELLI'S RELATIONS WITH US WERE INDEED QUITE CLOSE, AND I CAN VOUCH FOR HIS FRIENDLINESS TOWARD AMERICANS AND THE NOSTALGIA WITH WHICH HE RECALLS HIS TIME IN AMERICA. PASCARELLI WAS ALWAYS FULL OF THE LATEST NEWS (OR RUMORS; HE WAS NOT MY MOST DISCRIMINATING SOURCE), READY TO SWAP ITEMS WITH ANY REASONABLY RECEPTIVE LISTENER, THE PRC REPRESENTATIVE, KOREANS OF EITHER PERSUASION, OR THE SOVIETS, AS WELL AS US, BUT SHOWING A PARTIALITY FOR US.

2. WHEN THE CURRENT PRC AMBASSADOR WAS NEW, PASCARELLI HAD JUST COMPLETED A LONG ANALYSIS OF THE BURMESE BUDGET, SO HE BRIEFED THE CHINESE, THEREBY MAKING HIM A LASTING FRIEND. ELIO USED TO BRIEF ME ON THE PERIODIC EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AMONG EEC AMBASSADORS HERE. I ASSUME HE TOLD THE SOVIETS ALSO; PASCARELLI WAS FOND OF PRACTICING HIS RUSSIAN, WHICH I WAS TOLD HE SPOKE ACCEPTABLY.

3. PASCARELLI WAS AS EBULLIENT IN HIS PRIVATE LIFE  
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(E.G., DOWN AT THE BEACH, WHERE HE AND HIS CHARMING FAMILY SPENT MUCH OF THEIR TIME) AS AT NATIONAL DAY RECEPTIONS. HE WAS CONTINUALLY ON THE LOOKOUT FOR LITTLE FAVORS TO DO PEOPLE, LITTLE GIFTS TO GIVE, AND SO ON. THIS KIND OF AGGRESSIVE SOCIABILITY, LIKE PASCARELLI'S HABIT OF TALKING CHEST-TO-CHEST AT COCKTAIL PARTIES, IS CAPABLE OF PUTTING

PEOPLE OFF, THOUGH CLEARLY WELL-INTENTIONED.

4. YOU CAN'T BE AS EBULLIENT AS PASCARELLI WITHOUT RUBBING SOME PEOPLE THE WRONG WAY, AND ELIO HAD HIS DETRACTORS, INCLUDING SOME ON HIS STAFF. ALSO, HE CAN BE MOODY; HE WENT THROUGH PERIODS WHEN HE TOLD EVERYONE DRAMATICALLY OF HIS DISCOURAGEMENT AND OF HIS RECOMMENDATION THAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT CLOSE DOWN ITS EMBASSY IN RANGOON. ON THE WHOLE, THOUGH, PASCARELLI WAS A MOST WELCOME ENLIVENING INFLUENCE IN OUR RATHER DULL DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY. A LITTLE CONTROVERSIAL, BUT HE IS MISSED.

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